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PETITION TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM ISSUE

PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(2)

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests the Office to withdraw the above-captioned application from issue pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2). Applicant is filing herewith (1) the fee set forth in § 1.17(h) in the amount of \$130.00; (2) a statement of good and sufficient reasons why withdrawal of the application from issue is necessary, and (3) a request for continued examination (RCE) in compliance with § 1.114 (along with the required fee set forth in § 1.17(e)).

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE

The reason Applicant petitions to withdraw the present application from issue is because Applicant has become aware of references that Applicant would like to submit in an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner. These references were cited in oppositions filed with the European Patent Office in a related application less than three months ago.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office grant this petition. Should the Office of Petitions have any questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned at its earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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